



**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. Because the United States Patent and Trademark Office closed at 2 PM on February 13, 2007 due to inclement weather, the present Response is submitted as being timely filed without any necessary extensions of time. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith.

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